

**December 21**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted December 19**

Richard A. Boucher,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

William J. Burns,  
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Robert D. Jamison,  
of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of Homeland Security.

Robert G. McSwain,  
of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of 4 years, vice Charles W. Grim, resigned.

Deanna Tanner Okun,  
of Idaho, to be a Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, vice Karan K. Bhatia.

Anne Woods Patterson,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

C. David Welch,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Jamsheed K. Choksy,  
of Indiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014, vice Lawrence Okamura, term expiring.

Dawn Ho Delbanco,  
of New York, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014, vice Dario Fernandez-Morera, term expiring.

Gary D. Glenn,  
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014, vice Stephan Thernstrom, term expiring.

David Hertz,  
of Indiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014, vice Jewel Spears Brooker, term expiring.

Marvin Bailey Scott,  
of Indiana, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2010, vice Thomas K. Lindsay, resigned.

Carol M. Swain,  
of Tennessee, to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014, vice Sidney McPhee, resigned.

**Withdrawn December 19**

Robert D. Jamison,  
of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security, vice George W. Foresman, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on September 4, 2007.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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### ***Released December 15***

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Thirteenth Conference of the Parties to be hosted by the President of Indonesia in Bali

### ***Released December 17***

Fact sheet: FISA Legislation Necessary To Keep Our Nation Safe

### ***Released December 18***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's travel to Israel, the West Bank, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt from January 8–16, 2008

Statement by the Press Secretary: Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Transformation

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3315

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Oklahoma

Fact sheet: Energy Bill Responds to President's "Twenty in Ten" Vision

### ***Released December 19***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on a New York Times story on the White House's involvement in the CIA's decision to destroy interrogation tapes

Statement by the Press Secretary on congressional passage of Alternative Minimum Tax legislation

Statement by the Press Secretary on the reauthorization of State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) legislation

Fact sheet: Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

### ***Released December 20***

Fact sheet: Lt. Gen. James B. Peake (Ret.), M.D.: "A Worthy and Strong Leader" for Our Nation's Veterans

Fact sheet: Year in Review: 2007

Fact sheet: The Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007

### ***Released December 21***

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: December 23 Elections in Thailand

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 365, H.R. 710, H.R. 2408, H.R. 2671, H.R. 3703, H.R. 3739, H.J. Res. 72, S. 597, S. 888, S. 2174, S. 2371, S. 2484, and S.J. Res. 8

Statement by the Press Secretary on the resignation of Andrew S. Natsios as Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan

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## **Acts Approved by the President**

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### ***Approved December 18***

H.R. 3315 / Public Law 110–139  
To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall

### ***Approved December 19***

H.R. 6 / Public Law 110–140  
Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

H.R. 4118 / Public Law 110–141  
To exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University